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SUBJECT: SMALL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 3115, JULY 31, 1974

1. USDOC MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION WAS CONTACTED BY
ALLIS-CHALMERS (A-C) HYDRO TURBINE DIVISION, YORK,

PENNSYLVANIA REGARDING STATUS OF GODR DECISION ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN TO CONSTRUCT MULTIPLE LOW-HEAD
HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

2. A-C HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM FREDERICK R. HARRIS
INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS, REQUESTING TECHNICAL

INFORMATION ON SMALL (300 KW TO 1,000 KW) BULB TURBINES.
A-C SAID HARRIS IS UNDER CONTRACT BY GODR TO PERFORM SITE
INVESTIGATION STUDIES FOR THESE HYDRO PLANTS. HARRIS
ALSO TOLD A-C THAT THE VALUE OF THESE PROJECTS IS ABOUT

50 MILLION DOLLARS AND THAT GODR WILL BE LOOKING FOR
INTERNATIONAL FINANCING FOR THESE PROJECTS. THOUGH A-C
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DOES NOT HAVE STANDARD DESIGN DATA FOR BULB TURBINES NOR

HAVE A-C MANUFACTURED BULB TURBINES, A-C MAY BE INTERESTED

IN PURSUING THIS OPPORTUNITY BY ACQUIRING THE NECESSARY
TECHNOLOGY FROM ITS EUROPEAN LICENSEE.

3. YOUR REFTEL IS THE ONLY INFORMATION WE HAVE ON THIS
SUBJECT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THIS
POTENTIAL MAJOR PROJECT OPPORTUNITY. INGERSOLL

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